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RED CROSS WILL FACILITATE SENDING FOOD TO GHETTOS IN OCCUPIED COUNTRIES, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, July 20. (JTA)-- Negotiations for the purpose of arranging the shipment of food to the starving Jews in the ghettos of Nazi-occupied Europe through the facilities of the International Red Cross are approaching their final stages, it was learned today from well-informed sources here.

These sources report that a plan has been prepared under which a monthly quota of at least one thousand packages of food would be dispatched from Britain alone. Quotas would be allotted to Jewish organizations in other democratic countries that wished to send food.

A special meeting of organizations interested in the problem of alleviating the wide-spread starvation in the ghettos has been called for this coming Thursday, July 23, by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, which has been very active in the campaign to secure British permission for such mercy shipments. At this meeting, the details involved in executing the plan will be discussed, and it is expected that an official announcement will be forthcoming there.

For many months, ever since the first "mercy ship" was sent to Greece with food for the starving population there, Jewish groups in England and America have been conferring with their respective governments in an attempt to secure permission to ship the food through the British blockade. A few weeks ago the subject was discussed on the floor of the House of Commons, at which time Foreign Minister Anthony Eden stated that the "British Government is acutely aware of the horrors and deprivations inflicted upon the people in occupied countries and has facilitated schemes for food relief without impairing the blockade." In May, United States Ambassador Anthony Drexel Biddle and the Polish Premier Sikorski conferred on the problem.

EXILED GOVERNMENTS SEND NOTE ON NAZI ATROCITIES TO ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL, STALIN, POPE PIUS

LONDON, July 20. (JTA)-- The rising tide of Nazi terror in the occupied countries of Europe, highlighted by the recent disclosure that at least 700,000 Jews have been massacred in Poland alone, has prompted the heads of eight of the governments-in-exile to send an eighteen-page memorandum to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Premier Stalin and Pope Pius, it was learned here today.

Attached to the memorandum, which presents details of the Nazi mass-murders in the different countries, is a note requesting the governments of the United States, England, the Soviet Union and the Vatican to do all in their power to check the reign of terror which the Germans have instituted for the civilian population of the occupied countries.

The memorandum and note were signed by the leaders of the governments of Poland, Belgium, Holland, Greece, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and by the Fighting French.

PRAYER FOR NAZIS' VICTIMS IN EUROPE TO BE RECITED IN BRITISH SYNAGOGUES ON TISHA B'AB

LONDON, July 20. (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz has composed a special Tisha B'ab prayer for the victims of Nazi atrocities throughout occupied Europe, it was announced today. The prayer will be read in all synagogues in Great Britain on Tisha B'ab, which will be observed this coming Thursday, July 23.

NAZI MASSACRES OF EUROPE'S JEWS TO BE PROTESTED AT NEW YORK MEETING TODAY

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA)--The story of how a million Jews have been murdered by the Nazis in occupied countries, how two and one-half million are being starved to death in ghettos and the remainder of the seven million under Nazi domination exposed to economic annihilation and other brutalities with a view toward total extermination, will be told tomorrow evening at Madison Square Garden, where more than 20,000 people will assemble for the purpose of exposing and condemning Hitler atrocities and making known to Hitler that he will be held accountable for his crimes.

The demonstration is being arranged under the joint auspices of the American Jewish Congress, the B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee for the purpose of condemning the mass-slaughter of defenseless populations by Hitler, and in view of the threat of the Nazis to exterminate the whole Jewish people, to invoke adequate action to defend the threatened Jewish communities of Europe against new assaults; to secure support for the self-defense of the Jewish community of Palestine now endangered by the common enemy; and to strengthen the assistance of the Jewish community to the United Nations in their war upon the Axis.

Representatives of the Jewish community will be joined at Madison Square Garden by many representatives of American public opinion who will address the meeting. These include, among others, Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, head of the Methodist Church of New York; the President of the American Federation of Labor, William Green; the International President of the Marine and Ship Builders Union who will represent the C.I.O., Mr. Johnny Green.

The Central Representation Of Polish Jews here today issued an appeal to the Allied Nations to "take immediate steps to repress the German beast and to show him that there is still justice in the world." Each day that passes without such action being taken brings death to thousands, the appeal stated. It also asked the Allied Governments to "save Polish Jewry from starvation." At the same time the group issued a message to the Jews of Poland urging them not to lose hope since the fight for their freedom continues.

3,600 REFUGEES AIDED BY HIAS DURING PAST SIX MONTHS

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA)-- Thousands of American relatives and friends of refugees from Nazi-held countries have invoked the cooperation and the services of the HIAS in behalf of prospective immigrants to the United States and to other lands of refuge during the first six months of the current year, the Society stated today in a report of its activities covering the period between January 1 and June 30, 1942.

Isaac L. Asofsky, Executive Director, who released the report which deals with the home front services rendered by the Society since Pearl Harbor, stated that the HIAS Pier Service met and ministered to the needs of 3,600 Jewish refugee-immigrants who arrived in this country on 163 ships since January 1. 450 of the new arrivals were sheltered by the Society at its home, for varying periods, prior to their being released to their relatives or friends in points other than the ports at which their ships landed.

Mr. Asofsky added that a marked increase was noted in the activities of the naturalization department which helped 3,104 persons to apply for first and second citizenship papers.

AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION CAN PLAY VITAL ROLE IN SECURING JEWISH ARMY, BEN-GURION DECLARES

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA)-- Emphasizing that the Axis armies in Egypt still present a very grave threat to the security of Palestine, David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, today demanded the "immediate and full mobilization of all Jewish manpower in Palestine, without preference and without discrimination, on a basis of equality with all other people."

Mr. Ben-Gurion stated that American public opinion can play a vital role in convincing the British Government that separate Jewish military units must be formed in Palestine. Speaking of American aid in the form of armaments, he disclosed that although some American planes and tanks were participating in the battle for the Middle East, it will be two to four months before large-scale aid from the United States can reach this area. This period is crucial, he pointed out; and utilization of Palestine Jews may enable the British forces to hold Rommel until the American arms arrive.

Reviewing the repeated but unsuccessful efforts of the Palestine Jews to secure military units of their own within the British Army, Mr. Ben-Gurion, who spoke at a press conference at the Hotel Commodore here arranged by the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, pointed out that at present there are about 15,000 Jews serving with the British forces, enough to form a division almost immediately. From the untapped reservoir of manpower in the country at least another three divisions could be organized, he declared. About 20,000 of these potential soldiers have seen military service in the armies of their countries of origin so that they would require very little additional training. The Agency chairman stressed the fact that at present only 4,000 of the Palestine Jews in the British Army are in combat units. About 1,500 are with the R.A.F., mostly as members of the ground crews, while another 2,500, who are ready for actual combat, have been kept in Palestine.

"The invasion of Palestine by Hitler, even temporarily, may result in the complete annihilation of the Jewish community there - men, women and children - and the total destruction of their work by the Nazis with the help of the Mufti," Mr. Ben-Gurion stressed. "To the Jewish people throughout the world, this will mean more than the massacre of some 600,000 Jews; it will be the ruin of their Third Temple; the destruction of their Holy of Holies."

"It may be that with all the Jews of Palestine fighting to the last, invasion and destruction cannot be avoided. But even then it will be a matter of supreme importance whether Jews of Palestine perish as soldiers and men fighting their enemies or are slaughtered like defenseless sheep. Should our people in Palestine be massacred, having been denied the right of self-defense by the Mandatory power, it will not only be a most tragic disaster for Jews. It will deal a fatal blow to the prestige of the British government and bring grave moral damage to the cause of the United Nations. Public opinion throughout the civilized world will be aroused against this wanton sacrifice of a people needlessly deprived of the means of self-defense. This catastrophe threatening Palestine must be averted. There is no time to be lost."

MINIATURE YESHIVOTH ESTABLISHED BY POLISH-JEWISH REFUGEES IN SIBERIA

LONDON, July 20. (JTA)-- Miniature centers of the leading yeshivoh that were formerly in Poland and Lithuania have been established in isolated villages in Siberia where many of the Polish-Jewish refugees in Russia are concentrated, the office of the Agudas Israel here learned today.

The reconstituted yeshivoh include those from Radrun, Kielce, Kamieniec, Grodno, Bialystok and Lomza. At present there are thousands of yeshivoh students, rabbis and instructors in Siberia, the Agudas Israel was informed.

RUMANIANS, BULGARIANS, HUNGARIANS IN U.S. NOT SUBJECT TO ALL ENEMY ALIEN RESTRICTIONS

WASHINGTON, July 20. (JTA)-- Nationals of Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, who have become "enemy aliens" as a result of the United States' declaration of war against those countries, will not be subject to all the restrictions affecting aliens of German, Italian or Japanese nationality, it was pointed out here today by the Department of Justice.

Although they may be arrested and interned for the duration of the war if they are believed to be dangerous to the welfare of the United States, they do not, for example, have to obtain permission to travel, do not have to surrender short-wave radios, cameras and firearms, and are not required to obtain certificates of identification.

HARRY GREENSTEIN, BALTIMORE WELFARE DIRECTOR, APPOINTED TO FEDERAL WAR POST

BALTIMORE, July 20. (JTA)-- Harry Greenstein, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Baltimore, has been appointed Regional Evacuation Officer of the Third Army Corps Area, comprising the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia, it was announced by James M. Landis, national director of the Office of Civilian Defense. Mr. Greenstein will assume his new duties immediately.

Judge Rowland K. Adams, director of the Third Civilian Defense Region, in a letter to Mr. L. Edwin Goldman, president of the Associated Jewish Charities here, requested that Mr. Greenstein be granted a leave of absence so that he could undertake this highly important task. In describing the responsibilities of the office, Judge Adams stated: "The development of detailed plans as to evacuation and reception areas, the surveys in connection therewith, the arrangements for transportation, housing, health, and other welfare features, are but a few of the important matters to be dealt with. While we hope that it will not be necessary to evacuate any part of our civilian population, we must be prepared to do so if it becomes necessary, and the speed with which modern war moves leaves no time for planning after danger is imminent."

Mr. Goldman presented the letter of Judge Adams to a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associated Jewish Charities and the Board unanimously granted to Mr. Greenstein the leave of absence requested.

REFUGEES RELEASED FROM INTERMENT GIVE SAVINGS FOR REFUGEES IN PALESTINE

LONDON, July 20. (JTA)-- A group of Jewish refugees who were released from internment in Australia to join the Pioneer Corps have handed over their savings to the Jewish National Fund to be used for the acquisition of land in Palestine on which refugees are to be settled, it was announced here today.

A check representing the remainder of a grant made to the group by the Adelaide Hebrew Congregation was sent to the Fund on behalf of the refugees by the Rev. J. Weintrobe, Jewish Chaplain.

DR. M. ZOLLSCHAN, NOTED CZECH-JEWISH ANTHROPOLOGIST, HONORED BY BRITISH SCIENTISTS

LONDON, July 20. (JTA)-- Dr. M. Zollschan, famous Czechoslovakian Jewish anthropologist, has been elected a guest member of the Royal Anthropological Institute "for the duration," it was announced here today.

The announcement cited Dr. Zollschan for "your work in science and anthropology, especially as regards your important contributions in the sphere of racial studies and combatting Nazi racial theories." Speaking at the third World Jewish Congress in Geneva in August, 1934 Dr. Zollschan dared the Nazis to submit their racial theories to the judgement of a tribunal of unbiased scientists, but his challenge was never accepted.